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Dust rises as a farmer travels across his dry field in Loudoun County, Va., Tuesday. President Bill Clinton and Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman declared West Virginia and parts of Kentucky, Ohio, Maryland, Pennsylvania and Virginia disaster areas Monday, making low interest loans available to farmers affected by the drought in the eastern United States.

Heat raises national concern

Farmers' plight becomes focus of Capitol debate

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Vice President Gore raised the political stakes on emergency farm aid Tuesday by endorsing a $11 billion assistance package proposed by Senate Democrats.

Gore's move, which could help his presidential prospects in Iowa, rankled Republicans, who fear getting into a spending war with the Clinton administration.

"Farmers out there are really hurting today. ... Many are now saying this could turn out to be the worst crisis that farmers have ever experienced," he said.

As Gore was speaking in the Capitol, Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman declined to tell the Senate Agriculture Committee how much aid he thought farmers needed. He said he saw good things in both the Democratic proposal and a GOP plan that would cost $4 billion less.

"I don't want to be in a position of saying you have to spend 'x' dollars or 'y' dollars," Glickman said. Asked whether the president would veto the GOP plan, he said, "I'm not looking for a fight, if that's your bottom-line question."

Citing Gore's endorsement of the Democratic proposal, the committee's chairman, Sen. Dick Lugar, told Glickman, "I'm not clear where the locus of authority is."

Republicans are fearful of getting into a bidding war with Democrats. Last fall, they proposed a $4 billion aid package only to have it vetoed by President Clinton. In the end, Congress approved $6 billion.

Sen. Thad Cochran, R-Miss., said Monday the GOP package would "provide a wide range of benefits to producers who are eligible for ... assistance because of economic disasters."

Democrats proposed $10.8 billion in aid Monday, while Republicans countered with a $6.7 billion plan. The money would be added to an annual spending bill for the Agriculture Department.

"Silently and quietly, American farmers and ranchers are losing their businesses. They are at the end of their rope," said Sen. Tom Harkin, D-Iowa.

The first vote was expected after separate meetings of Democratic and GOP senators.

A worldwide glut of grain has kept commodity prices low for the second year in a row, and USDA projects that net farm income will dip to $43.8 billion this year, about 4 percent off the average for the decade.

The Democratic plan includes nearly $6 billion in extra crop subsidies, $2.3 billion in disaster aid, and $1.4 billion in emergency trade provisions.

Most of the GOP package would go toward doubling the annual "market transition" payments that farmers receive from the government under the 1996 farm bill.

That the Republicans even offered a proposal of their own this week was a recognition of how potent a political issue the farm economy has become.

Republican leaders had argued that it was too early to know how much help farmers will need this fall and they had pressed the Clinton administration without success to offer its own proposal. The emergency label on the extra aid lets Congress ignore required spending limits and pay for items with the anticipated federal budget surplus.

Several farm-state GOP senators have argued it was important for the Senate to take some action before lawmakers start their long summer recess next week.

Clinton sends funds to help heat sufferers

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Clinton released on Tuesday $55 million in federal aid to help residents of nine states cope with the heat.

The money, provided under a program that is used more often to help low-income people pay for heat during the winter, may be used to buy air conditioners, fans and other relief.

Illinois will get $15.9 million; Kentucky $7.7 million; Missouri $7.6 million; Indiana $7.1 million; Wisconsin $4.4 million; Iowa $3.4 million; Kansas $3.3 million; Minnesota $3 million; and Nebraska $2.1 million.

The announcement was made as the president flew to Chicago, where he planned to visit workers providing services to some of the most vulnerable people suffering from the heat.

Yandow elected mayor of Orem

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When Chris Yandow's term as Orem City Councilmember expired in January 1998, he did not expect to return to a role in city government. But, he said, he missed the joy of service, and decided to apply for the position of interim mayor.

The Orem City Council unanimously appointed Yandow as interim mayor late Tuesday night after about three hours of deliberation.

Yandow, 36, will serve as mayor until Jan. 3, 2000.

"It's an honor to be back and have a chance to serve Orem. I'm grateful to have been considered and chosen," Yandow said.

Yandow brings to the position six years of experience as a councilmember, from 1991 to 1997. He graduated from BYU in 1988, and works for Franklin Covey Co. as a leadership consultant.

He said his first order of business as mayor will be to get himself acquainted with the issues facing the city.

Nine applicants submitted their names to be considered by the council for the position. They presented a wide range of ages and backgrounds, from a former mayor to a BYU law professor.

Councilmember Steve Heinz, however, surprised his fellow councilmembers by announcing at the beginning of the meeting that he was withdrawing his name from consideration for the interim mayor position.

"I feel that my role as a fellow councilmember far outweighs the role of interim mayor," Heinz said. "We have several outstanding applicants who are well qualified to take on these responsibilities."

Yandow, like all of the applicants, was allowed to make a brief presentation to the City Council, and was then interviewed by the Council for ten minutes. Some of the questions Yandow fielded dealt with his opinions on past City Council decisions, the issue of a full-time mayor, and how his work for Franklin Covey can be applied to help the city. During his presentation, Yandow said he wanted to build communication between city officials, employees and citizens.

Following the interviews, the Council left to meet behind closed doors. Councilmember Bill Peperone said the closed-door session did not exist to make a decision, but to continue discussion about the candidates' character and qualifications, according to state statute.

Dan Lund/Universe

Chris Yandow poses for the press at the Orem City Council meeting where he was selected as the new mayor of Orem.

After an hour and a half, the Council emerged and re-opened the meeting. Councilmember Mike Thompson quickly moved that Yandow be appointed mayor. Councilmember Dave Palfreyman seconded the motion, and the voting was unanimous.

Yandow was sworn in immediately by City Recorder Melody Downey. He then took his place on the stand and stepped into the role of mayor by adjourning the meeting.

The position of mayor became vacant when Mayor Joe Nelson died on July 8. A new mayor, who will be elected in November, will take office in January 2000, and will complete the remaining two years of Nelson's term. Yandow said he is not now considering running for the two-year term, but will consider it if encouraged by the Council.

Dan Lund/Universe

Lee Barney holds her cat in her home in Lindon. Pet owners in Lindon have recently been concerned by rumors, which city officials say are untrue, of a proposed city animal ordinance that would require cats to wear leashes. The rumors garnered national media attention.

Lindon: Cat leash rumor untrue

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What's out of the bag — Lindon officials are working on a proposed animal ordinance that has created what some call an "unnecessary" uproar among residents and journalists.

The past two weeks, Lindon City has received extensive media coverage concerning a supposed leash law for cats. Mayor Councilmember Lindsey Peterson said.

"There is a lot of information being printed about us and our animal ordinance concerning cats," said Councilmember Toby Bath during the Lindon City Council meeting Tuesday. "This council has in no way said anything about cats."

"We are working on a total animal ordinance concerning large animals and some details on cats and dogs," Peterson said. "We never considered licensing cats. I feel this is an example of inaccurate, misleading and wasted journalism."

According to Bayless, a proposed animal ordinance concerning large animals was presented to the City Council on Tuesday, July 20.

Since that time, the supposed leash law for cats has been featured in several local and national newspapers, radio talk shows and local newscasts, Bayless said.

"This issue has taken our staff's time and our elected officials' time, and it's not even an issue," Bayless said. "We are getting publicity on something that is a non-issue."

Cat owner Arloween Barney was concerned when she heard about the leash law through a reporter.

She did not know about the leash law before she was contacted, Barney said.

"I have talked with some councilmembers, and they are just trying to decide what the law should be," Barney said. "It's not their intent to create a leash law."

"I think Lindon is doing a good job of trying to work with people who have animals," Barney said. "Things have just been blown out of proportion."

The purpose of the animal ordinance is to create responsibility among pet owners, Bayless said.

"If an animal destroys someone's property, whether it is a horse, dog, cat, or whatever, the owner should be held responsible," Bayless said.

The animal ordinance will also try to prevent animals from being mistreated, Bayless said.

The proposed animal ordinance is currently under revision and will not be reviewed by the council until late August, Bayless said.

"The whole issue is a non-issue," Bayless said. "It is actually quite laughable."

SLOC defendant pleads guilty

First criminal case in bribery scandal underway

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — In the first criminal case in the federal probe of whether bribery swayed the choice of a 2002 Winter Olympics site, a Salt Lake City businessman agreed to plead guilty to a misdemeanor tax violation, the Justice Department announced.

The department said the plea stemmed from a scheme in which David E. Simmons helped the son of an International Olympic Committee member obtain lawful permanent resident status by offering the son a fraudulent job at his company, the government said.

The IOC member had a vote on which city would get the 2002 Winter Olympics. Although he was not identified in the Justice Department papers, an earlier ethics committee report on the Salt Lake scandal had linked Simmons to a job for the son of one of the IOC's most powerful delegates.

A plea agreement was filed in U.S. District Court in Salt Lake City on Tuesday, and Simmons was to appear before U.S. Magistrate Judge Ronald Boyce there later Tuesday, Justice Department spokesman Myron Marlin said.

Justice officials said their probe of Salt Lake City's bid for the Olympics is continuing.

Robert Garff, chairman of the Salt Lake Organizing Committee's board of trustees, would say only that the organization planned to issue a statement later in the day.

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> *— Robert Garff, chair of the Salt Lake Organizing Committee's Board of Trustees*

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In the court documents, Simmons admitted entering into a series of sham contracts and using phony invoices to conceal the fact that the son's salary was actually being paid by the Salt Lake City Olympic Bid Committee. The agreement said Simmons employed the son "for the purpose of influencing his father's vote in favor of awarding the Olympic Winter Games to Salt Lake City."

The son's name was not disclosed by the Justice Department, but a Salt Lake ethics report filed last winter said Simmons helped set up a job at a telecommunications company for John Kim, the son of Kim Un-yong, a powerful IOC member from South Korea.

Formerly chairman and chief executive of Keystone Communications, Simmons is charged in a criminal information filed with the plea agreement. The criminal information charges him with causing Keystone to submit a 1992 tax return that falsely deducted the salary of this "employee" as a business expense. The tax charge carries a maximum penalty of one year in prison and a $10,000 fine.

In fact, the agreement said, Simmons knew the payments to the IOC member's son "were not genuine salary payments, but were instead payments made under a sham employment arrangement designed to enable the ... (son) to attain lawful permanent resident status."

Simmons agreed to cooperate fully with the investigation, which was begun last December and now involves the Justice Department, the FBI, the Internal Revenue Service and the U.S. Customs Service.

The plea agreement must still be approved by the court.

The government's court papers said the scheme began in the summer of 1990 with an agreement between Simmons and an officer of the Salt Lake City Bid Committee for the Olympic Winter Games, whose name was not revealed.

The ethics panel's report, however, said Simmons was approached by Tom Welch, the head of the bid committee who resigned as Olympic organizing committee president in the wake of spouse-abuse charges in 1997.

Simmons agreed that Keystone would hire the IOC member's son in a salaried position in Keystone's New York office so the son would be eligible for permanent resident alien status.

News Briefs

Compiled from staff and news service reports

Underage boy caught stealing car

An underage driver of a stolen vehicle was arrested during a routine traffic stop early Tuesday morning.

At 12:30 a.m., Officer Orlando Ruiz pulled over a 1976 Ford Pickup that had expired registration. Ruiz said the driver appeared nervous. Ruiz found he had no license and was 15 years old.

The boy then admitted to stealing the truck 15 minutes earlier from the Sav-Mor Auto Clinic in Orem after he had broken into a drop box attached to the building where keys are left by customers for their cars to be worked on, said Lt. Doug Edwards of the Orem Department of Public Safety.

The boy was arrested for auto theft, curfew violation and burglary. He was then taken to a youth home.

Mowerboy cuts up Okla. Capitol lawn

OKLAHOMA CITY — It has become fairly common to see 14-year-old Ryan Tripp scoot around a state Capitol lawn on a big red mower.

But his appearance on the south lawn of the Oklahoma State Capitol carried a bonus. Lt. Gov. Mary Fallin chased Tripp on a separate mower as both worked to raise awareness about the importance of organ and tissue donations.

"It's easy," Tripp said before climbing aboard the 25 horsepower Ariens lawn mower. "I like driving on that thing."

Tripp and Fallin mowed a small patch of Capitol bermuda as part of Tripp's quest to mow lawns at all 50 state Capitols. Oklahoma was Tripp's 46th state this summer. The Capitol lawn in Austin, Texas, is next.

"Maybe next year we'll go to all seven continents — or something like that," Tripp said.

Tripp, of Parowan, Iron County, along with his parents, grandparents, two sisters and a brother, boarded a donated motor home last spring and began towing two lawn mowers across the nation.

Soldier Hollow site near completion

MIDWAY, Wasatch County — Construction for the Soldier Hollow Olympics venue is expected to be finished by spring, organizers said.

Soldier Hollow, the 2002 Winter Games venue for biathlon, cross-country skiing and Nordic-combined events, is near Midway in Wasatch Mountain State Park. It is expected to attract as many as 20,000 spectators daily and 660 athletes and coaches in 2002.

Wasatch County commissioners attended an open house Monday at which representatives of the Salt Lake Organizing Committee, Wasatch Mountain State Park and Heber Valley Chamber of Commerce answered residents' questions.

Kevin Jardine, SLOC project manager for Soldier Hollow, said the trails and shooting range for the biathlon will be finished by the end of the year.

Several construction contracts still need to pass the bidding process, including a $1.2 million contract for construction for an 8,000-square-foot competition management building.

New WWII memorial nears approval

WASHINGTON — The staff of the National Capital Planning Commission approved on Tuesday a design for a memorial to Japanese-Americans in a small park near the Capitol.

Commission approval could come at a meeting scheduled Thursday.

A 15-foot statue of cranes struggling to fly through barbed wire will dominate the three-quarter-acre plot. The cranes symbolize the 115,000 Japanese-Americans interned in camps on the West Coast during World War II. The Supreme Court upheld the action, but it has been repudiated by postwar presidents. Congress has voted to compensate those interned.

The monument also will memorialize Japanese-Americans who served in the U.S. military.

"The design ... provides an appropriate form for conveying the memorial's story and message," the staff evaluation said.

The capital's Fine Arts Commission already has approved the design. But it had reservations about the number of inscriptions to be placed on the 7-foot granite wall that will surround the central monument.

Weather

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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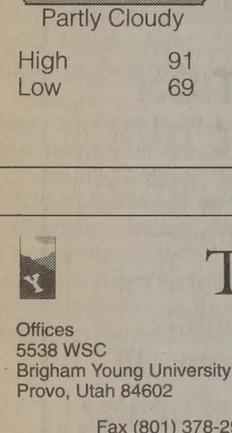
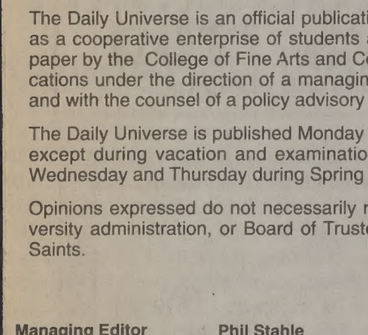


"Nevertheless they did fast and pray oft, and did wax stronger and stronger in their humility, and firmer and firmer in the faith of Christ, unto the filling their souls with joy and consolation, yea, even to the purifying and the sanctification of their hearts, which sanctification cometh because of yielding their hearts unto God."

— *Helaman 3:35*



Cathy Exon likes this scripture because it talks about how you can progress and come unto Christ. Exon, 20, is a junior from San Diego, Calif., majoring in psychology.

NATO finding peace impossible

Anti-Serb acts increasing, advocates say

Associated Press

PRISTINA, Yugoslavia — Serbs and Gypsies are being beaten and killed by revenge-seeking ethnic Albanians, and efforts by NATO-led peacekeepers are often inadequate to stop the violence, two human rights groups said.

The allegations were contained in a report published Tuesday by Human Rights Watch and in excerpts of testimony by Gypsies — or Roma — made available to The Associated Press by the European Roma Rights Center. Both groups blamed the Kosovo Liberation Army for most of the abuses.

Together, they provided fresh evidence that violence stoked by ethnic hatred persists in Kosovo despite the June pullout of the Yugoslav army and Serb police after President Slobodan Milosevic accepted a Kosovo peace plan in exchange for an end to NATO bombing.

In outlining abuses, Human Rights watch said that "well over 164,000 Serbs have fled Kosovo," along with "significant" numbers of Gypsies, accused by many Kosovo Albanians of siding with Milosevic against the province's Albanians.

The report said there had been a "rash of killings against Serbs since mid-June," including "many ... innocent civilians." It said that Serbs and Gypsies are also abducted and "in most cases, the men are detained, questioned, and beaten, often very badly."

"While most are subsequently released, some of those abducted remain missing and are presumed dead," the report said.

Russian troops create a roadblock near Kololec, Kosovo, where two Serbs were allegedly shot Monday. Members of the besieged Serb minority, who said ethnic Albanians are seeking revenge by beating and killing Serbs and Gypsies, sa believe the Russians are the only peacek on their side and that they want the Russ solve their problems.

One beating victim quoted by the Budapest, Hungary-based European Roma Rights Center related being taken into a room in the village of Drenovce, near the Albanian border to see a fellow-Gypsy who had been severely beaten.

"He lifted up his shirt and showed me his ribs," said the man, identified only by his initials. "His chest was all black."

Then the men, some in KLA uniforms, turned their attention to him.

"They kicked me all over my body, including my genitals," he said. "I couldn't see, because my eyes were full of blood."

Eight other men quoted by the Roma Rights Center related similar tales of beatings, threats and intimidation by people in KLA uniforms who accused them of spying for the Serbs, directly participating in the persecution of ethnic Albanians, or stealing. One of the men said his wife, sister and mother were raped by men in KLA uniforms.

Both rights groups described international efforts to stop the revenge crimes as inadequate, with NATO-led peacekeepers — formally known as KFOR — an inefficient alternative to thousands of police the groups needed to keep violence in chec

"The current ad hoc arrangem policing are woefully inadequa the Human Rights Watch "KFOR's concern about prote own forces, differing interpreta the mandate ... and lack of exp in civil policing result in an response to attacks and threats minorities."

The reports were made public the backdrop of a string of r revenge killings of Serbs, inclu elderly woman found strangle bathtub.

Provo beautification gets mixed review

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The addition of flowerbeds, green signal posts and lampposts to beautify Provo's Central Business District is causing mixed feelings among Center Street business owners.

The signal project will cost the city $1.3 million dollars, including new signals outside of downtown Provo, said Robert Stockwell, chief administrative officer for Provo City. Stockwell said the project is designed to increase business and shopping downtown.

"We want to draw people to the area. The signals will give downtown a permanent element — a theme to carry throughout the business district," Stockwell said.

Only the Central Business District will have the green signal posts to match light fixtures and give downtown a decorative look, he said.

The project on Center Street will be completed next month, but one business owner said that is not soon enough. Mike Berntsen, owner of the Provo Pharmacy on Center Street and 100 West, said the inconvenience is typical of Provo City.

"Provo City doesn't do squat for the individual businesses compared to what it does for the (Provo Marriott) Hotel and NuSkin. The signals are unnecessary and construction is taking too long," Berntsen said.

Berntsen and workers from the hotel take care of the flowerbeds lining the property. Owners are usually responsible for beautification of their properties, he said.

Berntsen said two merchants were driven out of his building last summer when Provo City did construction on 100 West.

"These businesses moved to the new mall. They had no choice," he said.

Roberts Crafts and Good Earth Natural Foods are two businesses that have left empty buildings — a new commonality on Center Street.

"Business was just one of the reasons the store moved," said Michael LaFortune, manager of Good Earth Natural Foods. "But business has been better in East Bay," he said.

Dave's Bernina, a store specializing in sewing machines and repair, has been on Center Street for 40 years and will stay in the Central Business District.

Dave Borget, owner of the store, said he is in favor of downtown beautification, although he said construction has inconvenienced customers.

"I think it's fantastic and it's necessary to make changes, but our business is not as good this year. It's hard to say if construction is the reason, but it makes it hard to get here," Borget said.

Richard Horsley, a BYU graduate and owner of Pioneer Book, has kept his business on Center Street for almost eight years.

He said Provo City has been its dealings with merchants, construction has "caused a litt hardship."

Because of the absence o bookstores in East Bay an Provo, Pioneer Book has not enced the drought some busine Center Street have. Horsley store will stay on Center S long as it is running.

Death count rising in Indian train wreck

Associated Press

GAISAL, India — Rescue workers pulled apart a mountain of twisted metal Tuesday to get to bodies believed trapped in the wreckage of two trains that collided head-on in northeastern India. At least 257 bodies had been removed.

At least 50 more people were thought to be inside three smashed train cars, and authorities believed none had survived. Officials had earlier feared more than 200 people were trapped inside.

The stench of rotting, charred flesh rose from a field where the railroad cars lay. No cries for help were heard from within the wreckage, where arms and legs hung limply from crumpled carriages. The only sounds were the sobs of victims' families and the noise of rescuers tearing apart the tangled heap with cranes.

> ***"I heard an explosion and then the coach rose, as if it was an aircraft taking off, and then came down with a thud."***
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> *—S. Chettry, train cook*

Passengers were asleep when the trains collided before dawn Monday, sending coaches spiraling over each other and hurtling travelers about their compartments.

"I heard an explosion and then the coach rose, as if it was an aircraft taking off, and then came down with a thud," S. Chettry, a cook on the train, said to The Indian Express newspaper.

Railway officials said one of the trains was on the wrong track for unknown reasons. Railway Minister Nitish Kumar said Tuesday the accident was caused by "criminal negligence," and announced his resignation.

At least three railway signal operators working at the time of the accident fled the scene, authorities said.

The government announced Tuesday it will set up a commission to investigate the causes of recent crashes. India's rails are plagued by accidents, which happen at a rate of more than one a day.

District Magistrate Prashant, a senior local administrator who uses one name, said only 22 of the recovered bodies could be recognized since most were badly mangled.

The accident seemed to have occurred after the driver of the Avadh-Assam Express from New Delhi switched to the wrong track, senior railroad official V.K. Aggarwal said to The Associated Press.

The train drove on for four miles before crashing head-on into the Brahmaputra Mail from Gauhati at Gaisal Station, a small-town rail stop in West Bengal state, about 310 miles north of Calcutta.

Both trains were traveling at about 60 mph and the impact sparked a fire that engulfed some coaches, burning to death some of the 2,500 passengers aboard the trains, officials at railway headquarters in Gauhati said.

Working by the dim light of gas lamps and generator-charged electric bulbs, officials laid out the dead on a grassy clearing Monday night and draped them with white shrouds. The bodies were then loaded onto trucks and taken to the nearby town of Siliguri.

Even experienced medical officers were shaken.

"We are used to seeing dead bodies daily, but I've never seen anything like this," said Dr. C.P. Singh on STAR television.

Relatives swarmed local hospitals, which were overflowing with more than 300 injured passengers.

It was one of the deadliest train accidents in India's history. In 1995, 358 people were killed in a train wreck near New Delhi and in 1981, nearly 800 died when a cyclone blew a train off the tracks into a river in the northern state of Bihar.

Many of the victims of Monday's collision were army soldiers traveling to or from Assam, a remote state in northeastern India wracked by separatist insurgency and tribal warfare.

Authorities resumed train services in the area Tuesday after clearing one track.

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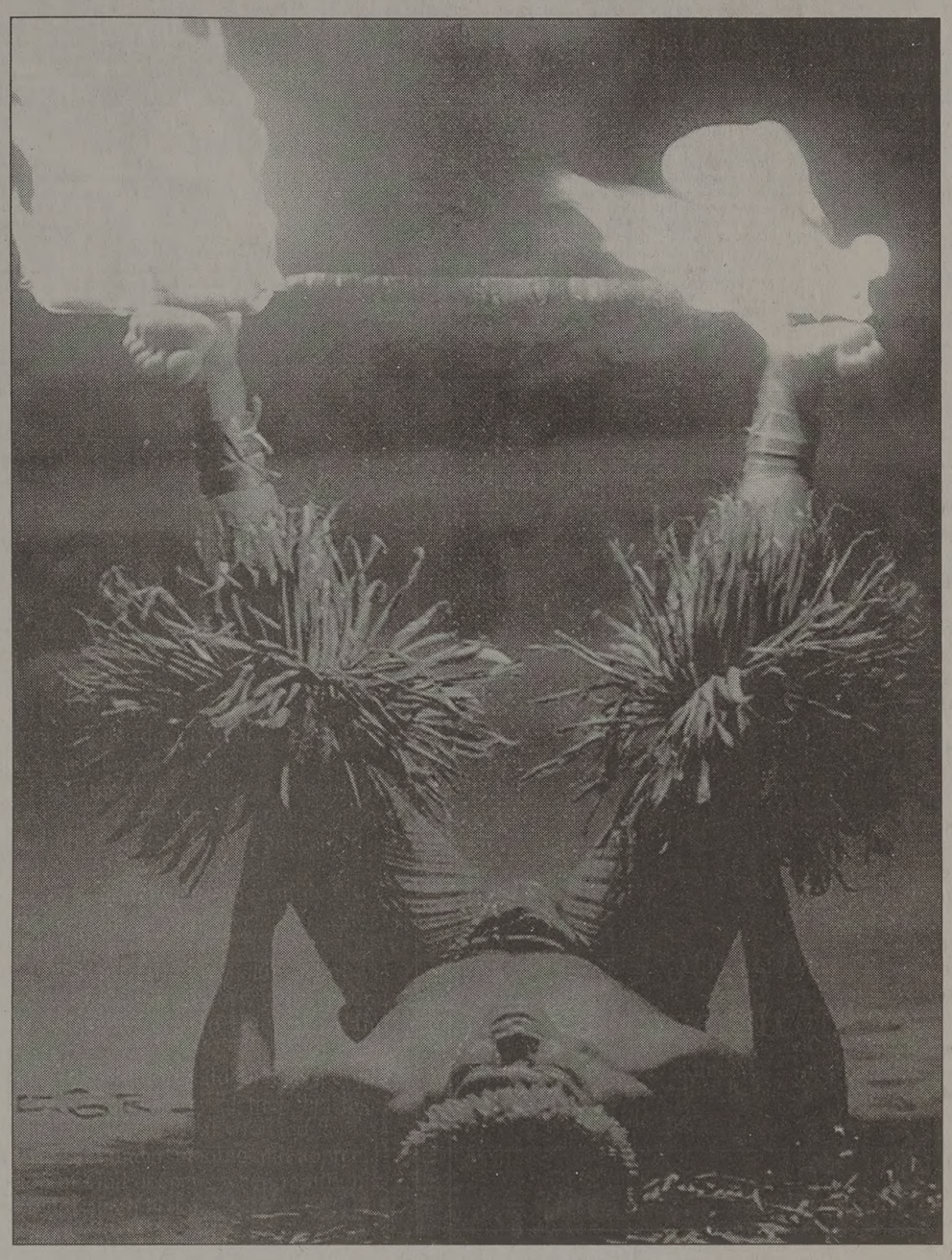

Photo courtesy of Summerfest 1998

Dancer performs a fire-dance routine at last year's Summerfest. Chief Sielu Avea will perform a fire-knife dance for Summerfest 1999 on Friday.

"I'm doing it to represent the country and the people of Samoa," he said. "The show is something people will remember for a long time."

Sielu said he performed at the Miss Universe pageant last year and has also appeared on both "The Oprah Winfrey Show" and "Murder, She Wrote."

He said he was recently contacted by the show "Baywatch," which is coming to Hawaii for filming.

"I'm looking forward to coming to perform at BYU," Sielu said. "I know there are many students who have seen the show in Hawaii, and I hope to give them a great show in Utah as well."

Prof. says Lord directs text release

By HANALEE HAWKINS
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The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints distinguishes itself from other religions through its openness to scriptural texts beyond the Bible, said Professor Daniel C. Peterson at Tuesday's Devotional.

Peterson is a professor of Islamic Studies and Arabic at BYU and the director of the Center for the Preservation of Ancient Religious Texts.

CPART's mission is to make ancient texts available to a world audience without an obvious LDS connection, Peterson said. CPART has produced a computer-digitized version of the Dead Sea Scrolls that is being circulated to leading scholars, and now CPART is working toward completing several projects that will be added to its Islamic Translation Series.

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> *—Daniel C. Peterson, professor of Islamic Studies and Arabic*

Peterson said the recovery of the Book of Mormon has unleashed a stream of ancient documents that truly have begun to be restored "out of the dust."

"We are at the absolute center of the process," Peterson said. "They are coming through Utah. And in the process these projects, and these contacts with people we could never have hoped to meet, and regions we could not have dreamed of affecting only a short while ago, are helping to bring the church 'out of obscurity,' as was prophesied would happen."

Jann Cahoon, a junior from Salt Lake City majoring in humanities, said she was surprised to realize there are other ancient texts that are being discovered.

"We need to be more open minded. You know the Lord is behind this," Cahoon said.

Peterson said the series is having national impact and is being distributed to university leaders throughout the world.

"More than one said to us, effectively, 'No other group treats us with respect that you show to us,'" Peterson said.

Jacob Atkinson, a junior from Ontario, Ore., majoring in chemistry, said he was surprised to learn other religions are working with the LDS Church, and not against it.

Peterson said he has been concerned about having enough resources to handle all the opportunities that are coming to CPART.

"Thus far, we have found resources arriving on our doorstep when we needed to move forward. And, I admit, I've come almost to expect them," Peterson said.

Peterson said he has had several experiences that are almost too numerous to mention that have led him to believe there is divine assistance in the projects CPART is working on.

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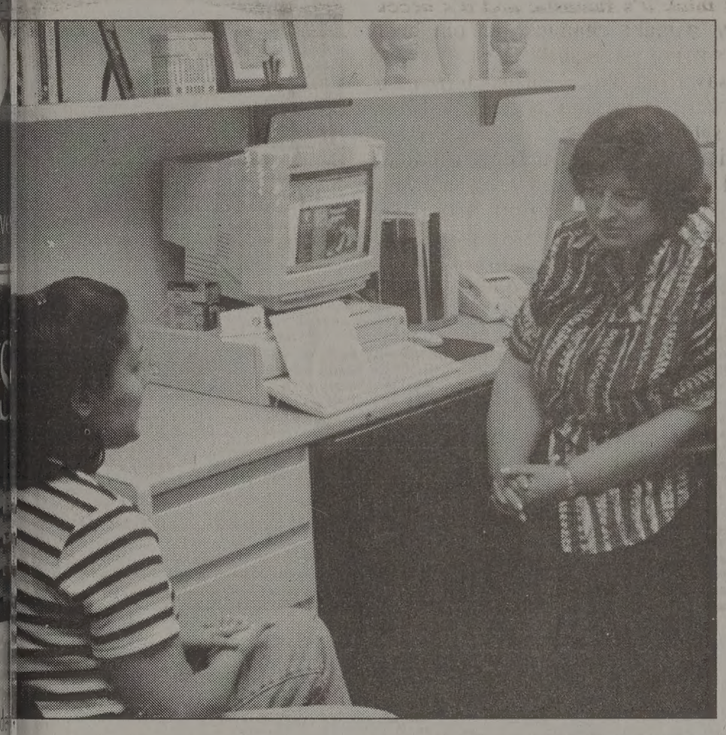

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More and more students from other universities are spending their spring and summer months in Provo for the chance to have a BYU experience.

The Summer Visiting Student Program at BYU has continued this summer because of its overwhelming success, said BYU registration officials.

BYU's Institutional Studies department said the number of students attending BYU during Spring and Summer terms this year has increased by 535 students from last year when the program was started.

The program's aim is to allow students from other universities who are unable to attend BYU to come to the campus to have a BYU experience during the Spring and Summer terms.

"The program has been very favorably received," said Karen Evans, BYU's academic and career adviser.

The requirements for students attending BYU in this program are much more lenient than normal, Evans said. The admission is open to all students, and although ecclesiastic approval is required, grade point average and transcripts are not important, she said.

However, students in the program are not eligible for financial aid or scholarships to help pay for tuition. Also, attending during the summer does not guarantee a student full-time admission to the university during the academic school year, said Julie Nielson, assistant registrar for the program.

However, Nielson said if students do well during the Spring and Summer terms, it could make a difference in their being admitted to BYU at a later time.

Evans said the benefits far outweigh any drawbacks the program might have.

"The program gives a variety of experience to students and gives students a chance to experience religion classes and Devotionals they don't have in other places," Evans said.

Primarily responsible for summer visiting students' success is the Open Major Counseling and Career Center. Visiting students are required to be advised through the center during their stay on campus.

Among the many services the center provides for visiting students is a special orientation. In addition, counselors teach two special classes during Spring and Summer terms on career exploration and how to develop effective study skills. Visiting students make up about 50 percent of the students taking these classes, Evans said.

Students in the classes seem positive about their experience at BYU, Nielson said.

eaker encourages eping family history

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lutchings arrived at the y and Family History e on Tuesday to pick up her nd thick, black binder. Her vere the first Mexican fam- The Church of Jesus Christ ay Saints in the 1890s.

tchings, men and women s the United States gath- U's Conference Center for y study of genealogy and ory work.

tt, a homemaker from Elk ah County, was attending ence as part of her history gett said she was coming chool after 30 years to bachelor's degree in histo-

ference opened Tuesday with an address from D. tofferson, a member of the m of the Seventy.

ferson congratulated the members for their efforts t in genealogy work.

gard to the conference Christofferson said, "I think be a better collection."

Christofferson encouraged participants to write histories by the spirit of inspiration. He said writing with the Spirit will preserve and enlarge memories of the participants' ancestors.

Christofferson said no one ought to be forgotten.

"Everyone has something of value, I think, that needs to be remembered," he said.

At a minimum, Christofferson said the participants should record their own life stories.

He said family history work gives individuals identities and respect for their heritage.

He cited LDS Church President, Gordon B. Hinckley's remarks at the initiation of the FamilySearch software in May.

"Seeking to understand family history can change our lives," President Hinckley said.

President Hinckley said a knowledge of family history gives young people a legacy to live up to and respect.

Christofferson said that as people cultivate a memory of their heritage, they cultivate a loyalty to God.

He said understanding and appreciation of God deepens when family history research is done.

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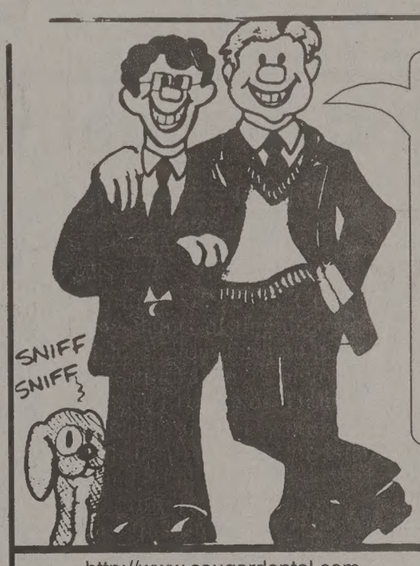

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The Universe
OPINION

Peace, love and violence

So just how do young music fans celebrate the ideals of peace and love in Japanese society? Apparently in a more tempered manner than their American counterparts.

Just over a week removed from the frenzy of violence, vandalism and chaos that erupted at the close of the Woodstock '99 music festival in Rome, N.Y., 25,000 Japanese music fans gathered at the Fuji Rock Festival in Naeba, Japan. The lineup featured many of the same bands who, just one week earlier, had apparently provoked riotous behavior among the 225,000 people at Woodstock — a name and location that has been romanticized to represent the ideals of peace, love and freedom through music.

But a funny thing happened on the overseas flight. Apparently, bands like Rage Against the Machine and Limp Bizkit lost the magic touch — or, in other words, the ability to incite groups of young people to insanely irrational behavior.

Instead, according to an article from Knight-Ridder news services, the Japanese crowd actually maintained some semblance of control. The article stated that once the show had ended, "25,000 Japanese kids silently picked up their trash, gathered up their plastic tarps and picnic coolers and meekly retreated, leaving behind a tidy, pastoral hillside."

Japan, a country celebrated for its technological advancements, has apparently accomplished something we Americans haven't been able to — an actual separation of rock 'n' roll from its companions of sex, drugs and violence. According to Knight Ridder, during the Fuji Rock Festival, drugs were basically non-existent, the concert goers kept their clothes on and the aggressive behavior was limited to mild "body surfing."

In an ironic twist, The Associated Press reported that promoters of Woodstock '99 are under criticism for not anticipating problems with the type of lineup put together for the event. Woodstock's promoter, John Scher, told The Associated Press, "I didn't take into account the frenzy the audience could have been in by putting those three acts (Limp Bizkit, Rage Against the Machine and Metallica) together."

So did the aggressive music just not register with the Japanese audience? Or was it more about who was off the stage than who was on it?

Woodstock '99 came to a close with a reports of behavior that was nothing short of repulsive if not criminal. Getting a little frantic in a mosh pit is one thing, but things like arson fires and accusations of rape are completely different.

Those who participated in Woodstock '99 seemed to take the music they heard as license to abandon self control and personal accountability. Meanwhile, at the Fuji Rock Festival, Japanese concertgoers were proving that the frenzy at Woodstock had more to do with the audience than the music. The Japanese enjoyed the same music while maintaining decency and respect for others.

This isn't to say that Japanese culture or the Japanese themselves are perfect. But the difference between the reactions of two groups to the same music is astounding.

The reasons for the contrast go beyond cultural stereotypes — it's all about ethics. In short, while the music played, the Japanese audience behaved and the Americans didn't.

Apparently, we still have plenty to learn from other cultures.

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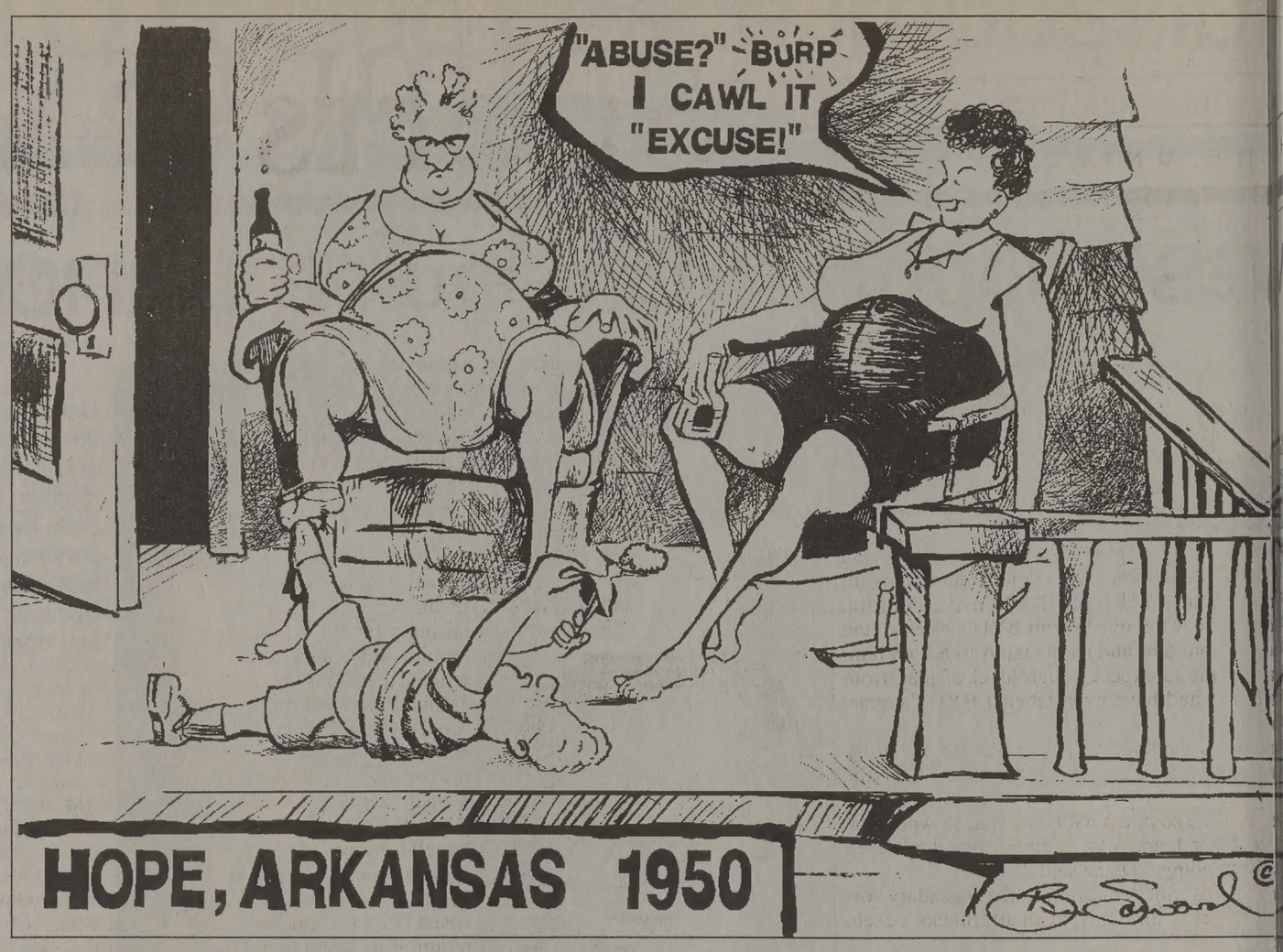

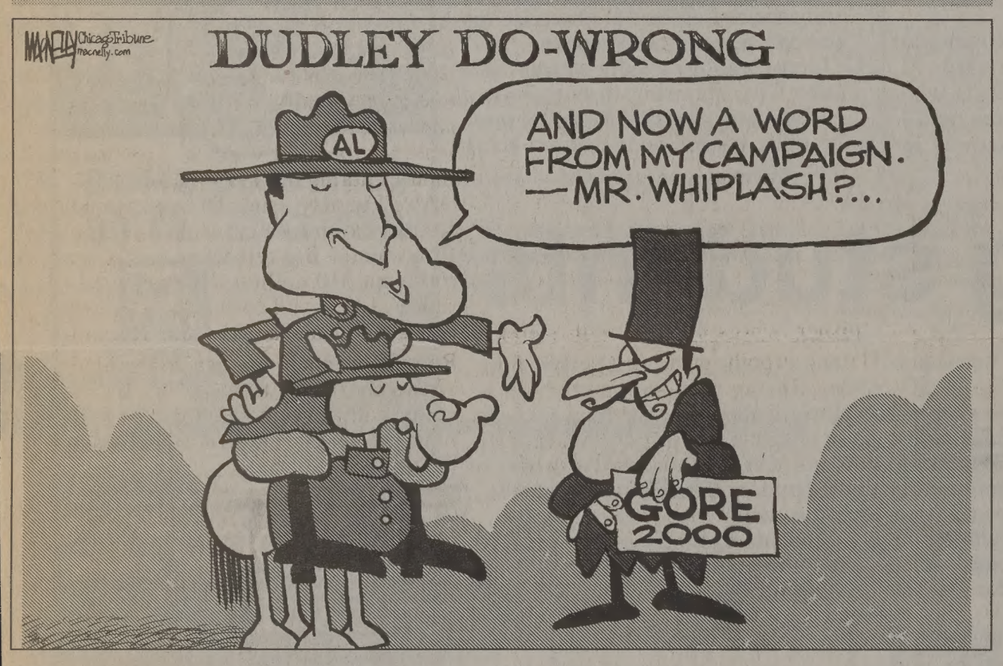

From the Fifth Floor

An ordinary kind of greatness

By Curtis Black
NewsNet Staff Writer

Is there any hope for me to be great at something? Excellent examples of greatness are common in textbooks and newspaper articles. I've read stories of those who have gone on great quests, conquered harsh environments, led the masses to social justice, sunk last-second shots and cranked record-breaking home runs.

Could I do that?

I used to think so. When I was a kid I'd watch the Olympics or a pro basketball game and say to myself, "I could do that!" I really believed that if I wanted it bad enough and put in the time, I could achieve whatever I desired.

With a few years experience in this real-world environment of BYU, I've realized I have my limitations. I'm only 6 feet tall, my vertical leap can be measured with a slice of bread and I have the quickness of cold tar. My dream of playing in the NBA will never be realized. But that's OK. There is something great within me — I can feel it.

Joseph F. Smith said that "to do well that which is the common lot of all mankind is the truest greatness." President Howard W. Hunter expressed his admiration of "those who are doing the commonplace work of the world but are wondering about the value of their accomplishments ... who are furthering the work of the Lord in quiet but significant ways."

I might not have the capacity to dunk a basketball, and I'll most likely never win a Pulitzer, but I can be great doing common things.

Sometimes it's hard to distinguish greatness from great accomplishments. According to the above statements by two great men, greatness is not defined by awards or worldly acclaim. Maybe it's easier to recognize greatness than is to define it.

I've interviewed some great individuals during my experience as a reporter for The Universe. I talked to a man who won the Nobel prize for discovering the mechanism of the action of aspirin, a BYU faculty member whose research is aiding the crusade against cancer and a BYU law professor who directs an organization that provides strong defense for family values at international conventions.

I recognized greatness during the conversation I had with the first Rhodes scholar from BYU, who, at age 85, still remembers the names of the professors who taught him at this university. Then there are the two students who always wanted to do something great, and are now halfway through their bicycle trek across the USA to raise awareness for cancer.

I've felt inspired as I've listened to the Men's Chorus, been awed at the performance of BYU's Ballroom Dance Company and motivated at the instruction of my public relations professor.

What separates some people from the mundane and the mediocre — from people like me? Do some people just have more drive and motivation to do outstanding things?

The parable of the talents has some application here. A master, about to embark on a long journey, called his servants together and gave to three of them five, two and one talent, respectively. Upon his return, the master called for an accounting of the servants' transactions. The only servant who did not increase what he was given was the one who had one talent to begin with. He claimed that he was afraid to lose what he had and displease his master.

Sometimes I'm afraid I'll never amount to anything excellent, and yet sometimes I don't want to be bothered with the hassle of it all. Fear and apathy might be the two greatest reasons for continually beating around the bush of banality.

In the sixth grade, I studied about great expeditions that helped shape the world — Lewis and Clark, Columbus, Magellan, Amelia Earhart, Bill and Ted. They did something that no one else had ever done. They were the first.

I've decided to embark on a quest of my own. It may be a feeble attempt at greatness, but it's a start. I am going to "boldly go where no man has gone before." I, Curtis Black, have decided to leave mediocrity behind and be excellent at something — to be the first ... to visit every men's room on campus (excluding campus housing). For me, the heights of greatness can have sunk no lower, but I'm pretty sure there will be room at the top when I arrive. If you see me on my quest, offer a word of encouragement. I'm sure it won't be easy.

I invite whovever wants to to join me (I don't want your company, just do it on your own time). Or, even better, embark on a quest for greatness of your own.

Curtis Black is a senior from Monticello, San Juan County, majoring in public relations.

Readers' Forum

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Please, no more cement

Dear Editor:

There are a lot of physical changes occurring at BYU, many of which are improving the accessibility of areas. There is one change, though, which causes within us a feeling of disappointment. This disappointment comes from the loss of an integral part of BYU campus — nature. The trees and grass all added to the openness and peaceful feeling on campus. As years have passed, walkways have been widened and new walkways were added (obviously to deter from corner-cutting, which destroys the grass). We realize these changes are necessary to facilitate the larger student body and to try and fix areas in which students have decided to walk on the grass, but with the recent developments of the area in between the Wilkinson Center and the Fine Arts Center, we feel that the loss of natural beauty on campus has gone too far. We have been given a barren wasteland of cement and brick. We admit we do not know the reasons why this particular design was chosen for this large area, and would appreciate it if someone who knows the logistics of the situation would make it known. We have tried to think of the possible reasons for the development of a spacious cement area and have come up with the following:

First, maybe they will put benches in that area to better facilitate socializing between the students. But who really wants to sit and chat when the sun is beating down on you because there are no trees to provide shade? Are trees going to be planted? That would be helpful.

Second, maybe the university is trying to avoid having to replant and nourish areas of dying grass caused by students walking on them. If this is the reasoning, look what our foolish corner-cutting has done.

We have been to other university campuses across the nation and were glad to see that BYU was preserving the natural environment on its campus. Now, recent changes have caused us to rethink that opinion.

Deena McRae
Gastonia N.C.

Amanda Jensen
Mesquite, Nev.

It's OK to take your time

Dear Editor:

I am writing because of a comment I received on campus today. While eating lunch in the business building, a married male senior business student sat across from me and asked what I was studying. This led to a conversation about graduation. I commented I will be graduating in three weeks. Noticing I lacked a sparkly diamond on my left hand, he laughed and asked, "Is it true? You're not married and graduating from BYU?" I responded a little gruffly because I have received this comment numerous times and said, "Yes I am. I am still young and there are LDS people in other parts of the world besides BYU."

I would like to pose the question: Why is it so important that we are married by the time we graduate from BYU? I understand that we must be married to go to the celestial kingdom, but why at the age of 19, 20 and 21?

When you go to almost any other state besides Utah, people laugh if you say you're 19 and getting married. I am not married because of lack of dates or great people at BYU. I am from southern California and like to take my time before taking the big plunge. I'm not a big supporter of the three-months-of-dating-then-get-married plan. I think marriage in our LDS culture is far more significant than how the world sees it. We say forever, not 'till death, and I think that significance is great enough to have people wait to be older to get married. I've even had counselors tell me to stay at BYU and take one or two classes a semester since I wasn't married so I could hang around and find someone. No thank you.

BYU has a limited number of people it lets in each year. Several thousands of eligible Latter-day Saints go to different schools around the world. I'm sure Heavenly Father doesn't expect everyone to find their spouses at BYU. I think we need to take the pressure off of the young people of the church to get married because we know the importance of marriage and will get married in the right time. We don't need added pressure.

Latter-day Saints have a divorce rate of 25 percent (10 percent of temple marriages). Even though this is only half of the world statistic of 50 percent divorce rate, I think this number is too high. I suggest we emphasize the importance of getting an education and living the gospel. The marriage talk is part of the plan of salvation. We'll get to it in time. We don't need to be rushed. I am proud to graduate from BYU unmarried and know when the time is right, I'll get married too, but not because everyone else is doing it and not because of the pressure by everyone around us at BYU.

Trina Seymour
Vista, Calif.

It's all about freedom

Dear Editor:

I write in regards to the letter on July 28 regarding guns in schools. The writer poses the question: "What use is a law-abiding citizen going to find for a concealed weapon in a public school?" To answer the question, let's pretend for a moment that it is Monday, April 19 of this year. The writer is chatting with a man that works as a teacher at Columbine High School in Littleton, Colo. In the course of the conversation, the man says something to the effect of, "I wish the government would allow me the freedom to carry my gun concealed to work." The writer then asks the man, "What use are you going to find for a concealed weapon at work?" The next day the teacher is shot and killed by two deranged teenagers who answer the question with sickening irony.

By prohibiting legally concealed weapons in school, you are infringing on a citizen's rights. They're called Second Amendment rights, and legislators have trampled them far too much for far too long.

The writer suggests "we are simply making our schools a safer place by procuring a measure that weapons of any kind are not tolerated on school campuses." If this statement is carried to its logical implications, the writer is saying that concealed weapon permit holders are dangerous. Now that's just insulting. Many states have adopted concealed carry laws, and all the data nationwide proves that these permit holders have an excellent track record — a better record than the police.

Pass a law banning legally concealed handguns in schools, and campuses are no safer. In fact, you've made them safe havens for would-be mass murderers confident they will suffer no return fire. Gun bans in schools encourage the violent to seek our schools as their chosen venue. Place high chain link fences with razor rolls around the entire campus, metal detectors at every entrance, guarded by men with machine guns and bomb-sniffing dogs. Now the school is safe. Those who would sacrifice a little freedom for more security deserve neither. It's all about freedom, my friends. Don't let them take it away. Fortunately, our legislators had the sense to ignore the emotional arguments in the media. Those who have jumped through the prescribed legal hoops can still protect themselves in public schools.

Clayton Lee
Provo

Amen

Dear Editor:

As a 52-year-old husband and father of 11 children, who had a mother in the home, and have a mother in the home, I take this opportunity to agree with and express my gratitude for the attitude of the writer who wants to be, and shows every sign of being a real mother and wife. It is so refreshing to read something so positive.

Evan D. Fullmer
Arimo, Idaho

Not an issue of e

Dear Editor:

While I agree in principle that in world women would stay at home and nurture their children and create learning, spiritual atmosphere v gospel would flourish and the kingd be strengthened. Just as I believe tha fect world men and women would other, marry, have healthy children a true to their temple covenants. Bu nately a substantial percentage of m the church will find themselves alon ing to the writer of the July 28 let have it all," women who (for whatev work outside the home find "mediocre" in all other aspects of And women who work outside the h they cannot possibly be even "ade mothers. I come from a home where er worked — and she worked hard. was clean, the children were healthy ents had a loving relationship built nership where both worked toward a goal, and the gospel was the cent lives. I think we need to be very judging the circumstances and choic ers against our own experiences and I'm sure these women love their chi their husbands ... I know that my m The decision to work outside the ho an easy one for anybody. These w not choose to work outside their hom isfy their egos. Their choices were thoughtful, prayerful consideration o uation.

Nedra Sorenson
Orem

Follow the Lord's p

Dear Editor:

As a woman working on becoming gist, I was surprised to read the July to the editor titled "Can't have it mother worked full-time when I was I spent two hours a day in daycare. C having to do more chores, I turned fine. But my choice to work has noth with the fact that I turned out fine. I was called to be a professor.

It is true that women are counselec home, to make every effort to put the first. I wholeheartedly support this, b also look to what the Lord has asked and find a balance. I would rather with my family, but I know what the told me and I cannot deny it. It is no know what I have been told to do a reconcile it with what the church lead said. I wish it were about ego. Then humble myself and be at home ev when I have a family. I love the Lord my heart. I will do what the Lord has to do.

As with all things, this is a principl must determine for ourselves how t We cannot judge any woman, at hom Any good woman will follow what has asked of her. Each woman's path ent. Some may be asked to stretch the to care for both a family and a career. it is part of our eternal plan. I enc everyone to follow the Lord. Each of here with a mission to fulfill. First find out what that mission is. I beli part of mine is to study the grandeur a plexity of the Lord's creations, so that be able to share my testimony o through these things.

It's not about having it all. It's abo what's best for my eternal family and ing the Lord's command, wherever lead.

Charity M. Phillips
Akron, Ohio

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ves support their coach-husbands

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ball coaches have certainly had their share of ups and downs in s, and nobody knows that better than their wives.

whose coach-husband has been particularly battered by public iane Chow.

ears go by it gets worse — it's miserable," Chow said. I don't think there is any enjoyment in it at all."

narried to BYU football offensive coordinator Norm Chow. ch Chow is the one behind BYU's offense, the icism from fans and media tends to fall on him. ave come to expect a high level of play from offense, and have even labeled BYU "a quar- ory."

nt years, the mighty Cougar offense has strug- hat has made life particularly difficult for the

en spoiled so much with winning, so when you are unkind, and a lot of times they don't even really going," Diane said.

co agrees. She's married to the legendary for- uarterback, and current quarterbacks coach, o.

t that when fans criticize players or coaches, on't know what they are talking about, but that manages to keep a clear head.

t to deal with the criticism," Karen said. "It's personal attack."

amage, wife of defensive line coach Tom id her children sometimes talk to friends of iriticize the team, telling them to be more sup-

s she has found it difficult at times, especially ildren are involved. Coach Chow has told their family that foot- siness they're in and people can think what they want.

all fans don't see or know about the players' or coaches' lives off field. Some fans even seem to think that being a football coach is since games are only played in the fall. But being a coach is a ar-round job. Recruiting is one aspect of a coach's job that goes d, with coaches often leaving on extended trips in order to gauge

often left at home to deal with family matters on their own. nage said many wives don't realize how much their husbands are away and the stresses involved.

"I know of some wives that have had to take themselves to the hospital to have a baby," she said.

For Rita Pella, wife of kickers/tight ends coach and former Utah State head coach Chris Pella, time away from her husband is difficult. Pella recalled going to her children's games alone, but said she just had to adjust.

"It's still hard after all these years, but there are good times and you look forward to those," she said.

Although the life of a college football coach is filled with difficulties, the wives are also appreciative of the opportunities that come with being associated with BYU football.

The Chows say raising a family in a stable environment has been of paramount importance and the main reason why they have remained at BYU. Diane said her kids always wanted to be around Provo and BYU, and her family always came first.

Coach Chow has had offers to be a head coach in Hawaii and Arkansas, but has turned them down in deference to his family.

Coach Ramage said her family thought about leaving BYU, but they've done so much here, and coaching under Lavell Edwards has been rewarding.

Rita Pella said being at BYU has been good for her family and has also enabled her husband to be home more. When coach Pella was the head coach at Utah State, he was often required to work long hours and Sundays, she said. She also mentioned that when her husband is home, he does a good job of leaving his football worries at work and concentrating on his family.

The coaches' wives agree that some of the best aspects of their situation include the relationships with other coaches and their families and trips to bowl games.

Winona Ramage recalls traveling to Australia and Japan as highlights because she never thought she would leave the country.

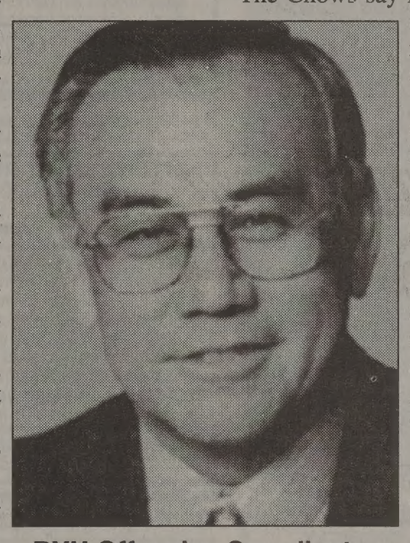
Karen Bosco recalled the recent Cotton Bowl victory as a lot of fun to be a part of.

Chow and Pella said they have enjoyed the relationships they've made, and the opportunity to associate with the athletes. Chow also added the fact that BYU has been so successful has also been something that she is quite proud to be associated with.

"We feel kind of like a BYU family," she said.

Bosco said being the wife of a football coach is a difficult lifestyle but one in which she has made a lot of friends.

"I don't know what it would be like anywhere else," Bosco said. "It's a fun situation — if you can take the stress."



BYU Offensive Coordinator Norm Chow

Lakers court Oakley; Boston, Denver trade

Associated Press

Charles Oakley got the Hollywood treatment from the Los Angeles Lakers on Tuesday, lunch with Shaquille O'Neal and Kobe Bryant and a tour of the new arena from Jerry West.

Ron Mercer was shipped from Boston to Denver, Bo Outlaw re-signed with Orlando and Derek Fisher landed a seven-year contract from the Lakers, who are trying to convince Oakley to play power forward for them for $2 million.

Oakley is demanding $8.5 million annually for three years from the Toronto Raptors, who have offered $5.5 million per year.

"Contrary to what people in Toronto are saying, the Raptors haven't increased their offer," said Oakley's agent, Billy Diamond, who accompanied the veteran power forward during his afternoon of courtship with the Lakers.

Mercer was traded from the Celtics to the Nuggets in a six-player deal that also sent Popeye Jones and Dwayne Schintzius to Denver for Danny Fortson, Eric Washington, Eric Williams and a first-round draft choice in one of the next three years.

Fortson, a 6-foot-7 forward who ranked fourth in the NBA in rebounding last season, is going into the final season of his three-year rookie contract - just like Mercer.

Boston did not want to meet Mercer's asking price, which was believed to be in excess of $50 million for a six-year extension. Mercer can be a free agent next year, and indicated he wouldn't re-sign with Boston if he wasn't given an extension this summer.

"We had no desire to trade Ron Mercer," coach Rick Pitino said. "I could not even come close to the numbers Ron Mercer wanted as a basketball player."

Outlaw, Orlando's wiry 6-foot-8 forward, re-signed with the Magic for one year and $2 million. He said he turned down more lucrative offers elsewhere to remain in Orlando. Outlaw will have full Larry Bird rights next summer, meaning the Magic will be able to exceed the salary cap to re-sign him again.

Fisher, who split time with Derek Harper at point guard last season for the Lakers, signed a seven-year contract worth about $24 million.

The Sacramento Kings re-signed guard Jon Barry and forward Scot Pollard and were working out details of a trade with Orlando that will send Nick Anderson to the Kings for Tariq Abdul-Wahad.

Barry got a three-year contract and Pollard signed for two years. The Anderson-Abdul-Wahid trade was expected to be completed Tuesday night.

Oakley is being courted by several teams seeking to add an experienced big body along the front line. He has been in Los Angeles since last weekend, attending Magic Johnson's charity game, playing golf with Lakers representatives an finally going through the team's full court press Tuesday afternoon.

So eager are the Lakers to convince Oakley to sign that O'Neal and Bryant, not the best of friends during their three seasons together in Los Angeles, agreed to have lunch together with Oakley and Diamond.

Oakley later joined West and general manager Mitch Kupchak for a tour of the team's new practice facility and the Staples center, which will replace the Forum.

Fortson, who plays center and power forward, averaged 11.0 points and 11.6 rebounds per game last year. His playing time increased considerably after rookie Raef LaFrentz went down early in the season with a knee injury.

Mercer, the sixth pick overall in the 1997 draft, averaged 17 points per game last season with 2.5 assists and 3.8 rebounds. The 6-foot-7, 210-pound Mercer was an NBA All-Rookie Team selection in 1997-98 when he averaged 15.3 points per game.

The deal sends Williams back to the city where he played the first two years of his career. Williams averaged 15 points per game for the Celtics in 1996-1997. Last year in Denver, Williams averaged 7.3 points and 2.1 rebounds per game.

Williams is entering the third year of a four-year, $30 million contract. Denver agreed to pay $3 million of Williams' contract this year, the maximum percentage allowed by the league.

The Celtics also announced the signing of free agent guard Wayne Turner, a Boston native who played for Kentucky, as a third guard for the Celtics.

The Nets waived center Rony Seikaly, who played just 18 games over 1 1/2 with New Jersey because of injuries. New Jersey still owes Seikaly $4.5 million for the final season of his contract. The 34-year-old was hampered by ankle and foot injuries during the 1999 season.

Also Tuesday, Isiah Thomas agreed to buy a majority stake of the Continental Basketball Association for about $10 million. Thomas, a 12-time All-Star and former part-owner and general manager of the Toronto Raptors, wants to reorganize the nine separately owned teams into a single entity with players signing contracts with the league, not the individual teams.

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"I hit it where I was aiming it," Duval said. "I've played the Shark Shootout three times (at Sherwood Country Club), I know it's there. I've aimed for it every time."

This time, to his dismay, he hit it.

Needing a birdie to keep the match alive, Duval's tee shot on the 232-yard 17th caught a ridge and rolled 50 feet from the hole. Woods was 40 feet away, and lagged his putt within 2 feet.

Duval then conceded, and they smiled and shook hands as the floodlights installed on the final two holes at Sherwood before the match cast shadows across the green.

It was the fifth par-3 hole played by the pair; Woods won the first four.

"The great thing about match play is I was down early, I knew I could come back," Woods said. "It's a game of momentum. The momentum changes, it's like the NBA or football, when a team gets on a roll, they get all pumped up."

Woods, who has won three times and has finished no worse than seventh since his post-Masters break, is No. 1 in the world rankings — a position Duval previously held by becoming the first player in 25 years to win four times before the Masters.

"I hate to say it, but it's basically up to the ratings. How high the ratings are will basically determine how successful it was."

— Tiger Woods

"A rivalry? Not yet," Woods said. "We haven't gone head-to-head yet."

Not only that, Woods and Duval have been paired together only one other time, in the third round of the World Series of Golf last year, a tournament Duval went on to win.

Woods took it easy heading into the event, hanging around the area and playing a practice round Sunday.

Duval, meanwhile, played in the Hartford Open before traveling to California and arriving Sunday night.

But he wouldn't use fatigue as an excuse.

"My game did not feel very good today, it was really disappointing," he said. "I don't know why. I know I can play better against him than I did today. I was a bit apprehensive about it, I was a bit nervous, but I enjoyed it."

Duval said he hoped the exhibition would bring more interest to the game.

"When Tiger turned pro in '96, golf became cool — not a dorky game," he said.

The match was attended by about 2,000 fans. The price of general admission tickets was cut in half last week because of poor sales — those who bought in advance were given a chance at a rebate or an additional ticket.

Nevertheless, Woods described the crowd as "boisterous."

"It was a pretty exciting atmosphere," he said. "There were no gray areas. They were either for one player or the other."

Most of them were for Woods, and they got their wish. The hometown guy won.

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U.S. golfer TIger Woods hits out of a bunker on the 12th hole during his one-on-one matchup with David Duval at the "Showdown at Sherwood" Monday. Woods won the showdown on the 17th hole.

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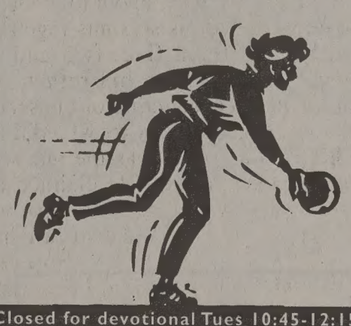
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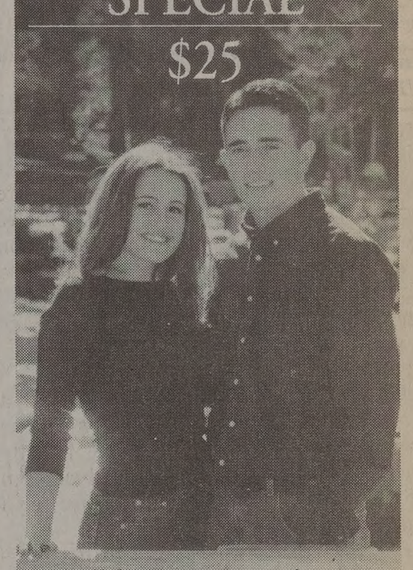
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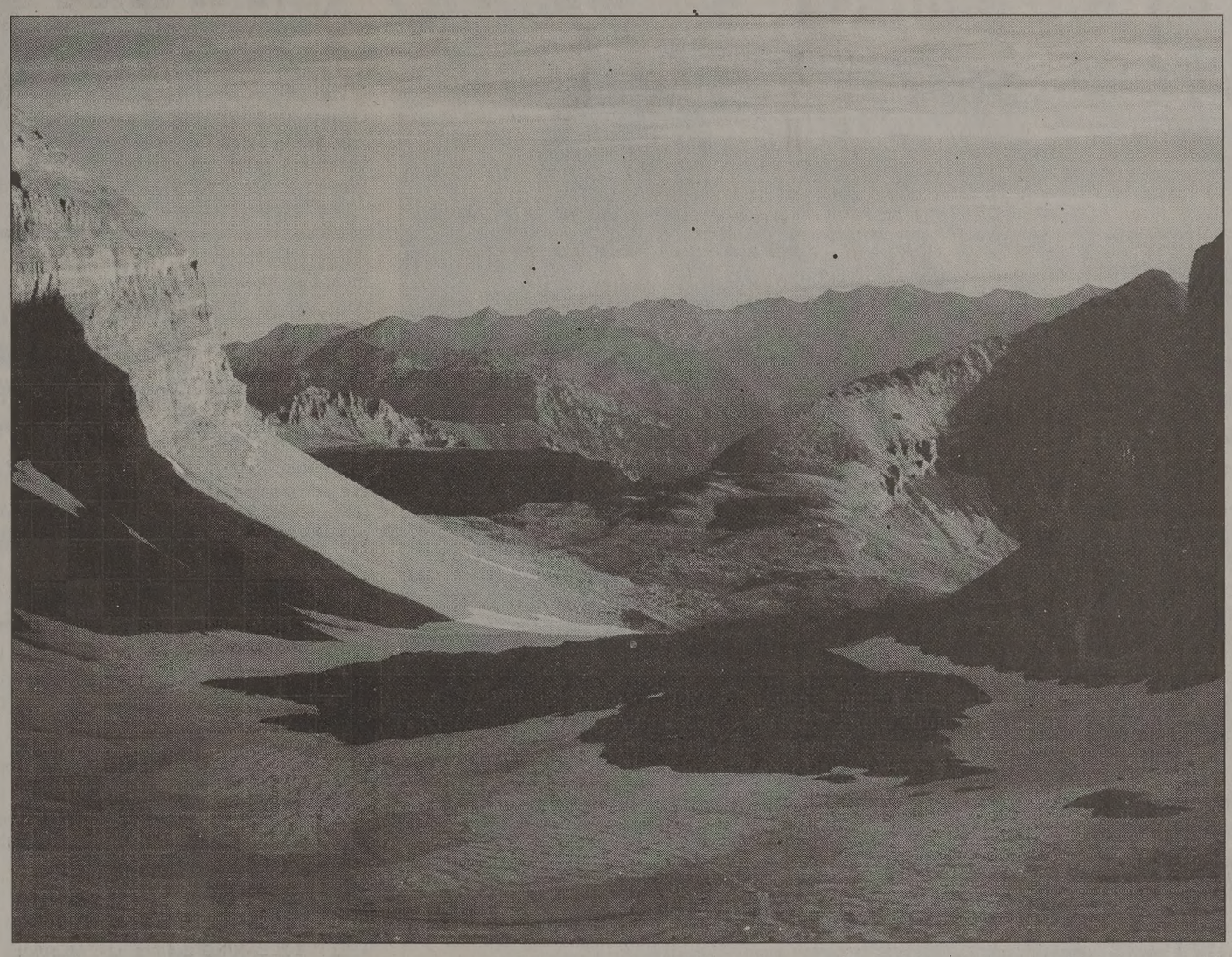

Sunlight highlights a glacier on the summit of Mt. Timpanogos. Life Flight helicopters have transported two people off the mountain in the last two weeks after the hikers have attempted to reach the summit using a dangerous shortcut.

Eric Jensen/Universe

Every summer, thousands of Mt. Timpanogos hikers attempt to beat the heat — and the odds.

About 5,000 hikers each weekend are drawn to the summit by the snow and cooler mountain temperatures. Loyal Clark, spokesperson for Uintah National Forest, said each year about one-third of the hikers choose to take a dangerous shortcut to the summit by climbing a large snow field and by sliding back down it.

Clark said snow-field sliding is dangerous because warmer summer temperatures melt layers of snow, leaving the snow field littered with rocks and debris and creating a potential hazard for sliders. Others can get moving so quickly down the slope they cannot stop before the rock field at the bottom, Clark said.

Life Flight helicopters have transported two people off the mountain in the last two weeks after snow-sliding accidents.

One hiker experienced injuries to her back and sternum, and the other broke his pelvis, arm and tailbone, said Lt. Dave Bennett of the Utah County Sheriff's Office.

Search and rescue teams report an average of one Life Flight per month off the mountain. Only those with life-threatening injuries are transported by helicopter. About six hikers per month with less-serious injuries must be carried down the mountain, Clark said.

Costs for a helicopter rescue can run anywhere from $600 to $1,000 per hour, but carry out rescues can be even more expensive. Depending on the circumstances, Clark said they can cost up to $2,000.

Three separate organizations are available all summer to respond to problems on the snow field, including the Wilderness Rangers, Utah County Canyon Patrol and the Timpanogos Emergency Response Team, or TERT.

TERT is comprised of experienced volunteers who set up camp at the base of the snow field to educate hikers of the dangers of sliding and to administer first aid when needed. At least one trained medical professional, one experienced climber, a radio operator and a runner respond to emergencies from early June through Labor Day.

Volunteers and crews educate hikers about safety before the hikers ascend the mountain. The volunteers distribute pamphlets and a check list outlining the risks of snow field sliding and how to dress appropriately.

"People need to remember that this is a wilderness area — it's rugged and unforgiving," Clark said. "Every bone possible has been broken up there."

GOP touts $100 billion tax cut

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Congressional Republicans are heading toward a tax cut compromise that grants more than $100 billion in relief from the marriage penalty over the next decade and eliminates estate taxes, according to GOP sources familiar with the discussions.

These sources, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said negotiators appear unlikely to approve any reduction in the corporate capital-gains tax. They are hoping to leave room in their $792 billion measure for a reduction in the capital-gains tax rate for individuals.

These officials provided no precise details and cautioned that these are tentative decisions.

Eager for a veto showdown with President Clinton, Republicans intend to pass the resulting measure through the House and Senate by week's end.

The legislation wouldn't be sent to the White House until Congress returns to the Capitol from its long August break, and in the meantime, rank-and-file Republicans would spend their break preaching the virtue of tax cuts in appearances around their districts.

At his weekly news conference with reporters, House Majority Leader Dick Armey, R-Texas, said, "We do not give up on the possibility that he (Clinton) will sign (tax cuts).

But if he vetoes them, we think he'll find he's disappointed the American people."

Democrats say the GOP tax cut is too large and would shortchange Social Security, Medicare and other programs.

Aneurysms attack without warning

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In May of 1989, six children in Mississippi were at home with their father when he started complaining that his severe headache was no longer bearable.

Two of Bill Genetti's sons immediately drove him to the emergency room, and he was flown from there to a hospital in Memphis. But Genetti died before he could say goodbye to his wife. Genetti suffered from a stroke called a cerebral aneurysm.

An aneurysm is an enlargement of a section of an artery due to weakness in the arterial wall, often resulting in internal bleeding, said Keyvan Abtin, M.D. and Aneurysm Coordinator at the University of Utah.

Linda Steele, Genetic Epidemiology Representative at the University of Utah, said an aneurysm can occur without giving the victim any warning. What may seem like a headache or a tired feeling can really be a life and death situation.

Little details were known about cerebral aneurysms when it struck the Genetti family, but now more is being done to prevent this disease.

The University of Utah's Genetic Epidemilogy Department recently began a study to identify a gene that causes the disease. The study focuses on families with at least three people who suffered from an aneurysm.

"The thing that is really neat about this new study is that we have brought people in and have found aneurysms. Basically we have saved their lives," Steele said.

According to the Department of Neurological Surgery at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn., first degree relatives of patients with aneurysms are four times more likely to contract the disease than the general population.

"Our goal is to isolate the genetic component causing people to have an increased of risk of aneurysm. No studies have directly addressed or identified a genetic link," said Keyvan Abtin, M.D. and Aneurysm Coordinator at the University of Utah.

John Pile-Spellman, Associate Professor of Radiology and Neurosurgery at Columbia University, said approximately 30,000 people in the United States suffer from an aneurysm rupture each year. "It has been estimated that if five people suffer a bleed (from an aneurism) today, in one year, only one person will be alive and well. One person will be disabled and three will be dead," Pile-Spellman said.

Steele says the University of Utah hopes its study will help families like the Genettis be more prepared. For more information, call an aneurysm coordinator at (801) 581-5070.

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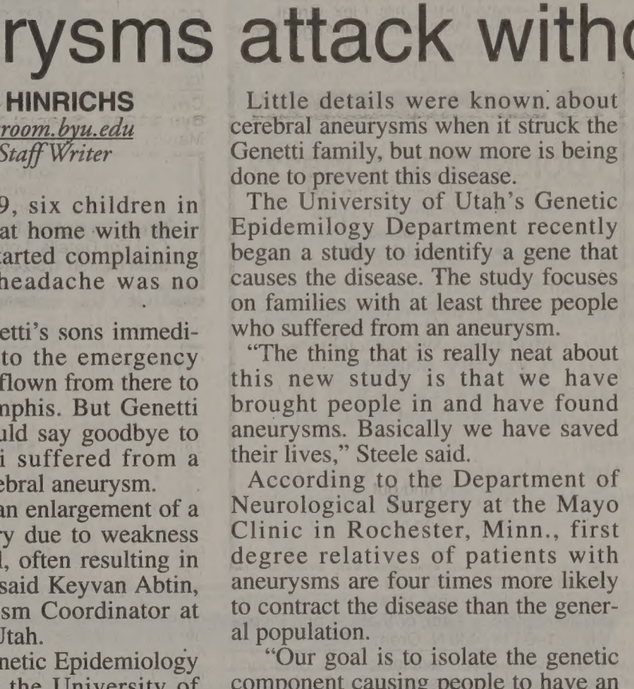

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Provo group presents airport expansion pla

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Andrew Harris of Orem refuels a Lear 25 jet at the Provo Municipal Airport. Groups are working to expand the airport to accommodate passenger and cargo jets.

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The Provo Airport Development Group presented the City Council with an updated expansion plan that creates a promising future for the Provo Municipal Airport's market.

The development consultants, Airport Development Group along with Tri-star Marketing, presented the City Council with half of the air service study Tuesday night.

Jim Sirhall, from the Airport Development Group, reviewed the status of the airport as well as present and anticipated issues.

Sirhall's main concern is the lack of radar and ground access at the airport, but said that both can be fixed with further research.

Sirhall said that existing conditions at the Provo airport are looking good.

"There is a strong economic and business growth in the area. The airfield has a good layout with an adequate runway, and the ground access concern can be fixed. I see a vibrant community with the ability to help promote future expansion of the airport," Sirhall said.

The expansion at the airport will accommodate not only passenger flights, but cargo flights as well.

One Provo business was sighted by Fred Davis, with Tri-Star Marketing, as already having enough packages daily to fill a 727 aircraft.

"We have interviewed 17 major employers in the area and assessed their needs. We have found a great need for this expansion," Davis said.

"The economy in the nation is great, population in the valley is steady and economic growth in Provo can support both cargo and passenger flights," he said.

Total revenue from the expanded airport is estimated at $36.8 million for the Provo area. This revenue includes travel agent fees, visitor expenditures, fuel purchases and airline wages.

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> *— Barbara Gann, public relations director at Salt Lak Airport*

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Center tries to help youths make change in their lives

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The Youth Assessment and Treatment Center of Utah County is working to provide a safe haven for teens who are looking for a way to turn their lives around.

Stephen Allred, program manager and a licensed substance abuse counselor, said the goal of the group is to identify troubled teens. With early intervention, Allred said the group hopes to give the appropriate care to help individuals make a change in their lives.

"We like to give the tools and knowledge so that when they want to quit, they know where they can go to get help," he said.

Schools take a big part in referring kids to the program. Allred said the work is slow right now, but picks up when school is in session. He said the school refers students who are caught with drugs, smoking and even truancy. Parents and personal referrals are also important in the treatment of youth, he said.

When juveniles are referred to the program, Allred said they are given a free assessment to measure the scope of their problem. If it is the first offense, the person may just attend a class that is recommended by the counselors.

"This is a great program because the parents are actively involved," said Tori Dickinson, a counselor who administers the assessment. "Parents are required to be at the sessions and classes so that they can be aware of the problems and learn ways to help the struggling youth."

Dickinson said knowing the signs of substance abuse are important for parents so they can help their children. She said ragged clothes, the appearance of an individuals eyes, types of music listened to and changes in attitude are good signs something negative is happening in the life of the youth.

"These aren't necessarily negative signs unless they are drastic or sudden changes," she said.

Kelly Wheeler, a counselor for the program, said education not only helps troubled youth, but also helps the public in general. Although immediate results aren't always seen, it could help in the future.

"We hope to educate the people so that when they want to get help, they know where they can come to get the assistance that they need," Wheeler said.

By working with youth, Allred has come to understand there are a lot of misconceptions about teens in the program. He said he has enjoyed working with all of them and hopes that through treatment and the program, the counselors can bring out the good in the kids and teach them values and skills.

"To me, there aren't any bad kids in our program," he said. "They are just misguided."

Allred said the major trend of youth in the community is drug use. Kids get introduced to the drugs or substances from their parents. When the youth see their parents using tobacco, alcohol or drugs, they feel it is acceptable because their parents use it.

After the assessments are given, the youth are recommended to different levels of help. The human services department supports school based prevention programs set up to assist students while at school.

The Utah County Human Services has established early intervention classes which teach students the effects of high risk behaviors in their lives.

Storms cause havoc throughout parts of Asia

Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea — Gales uprooted trees and flipped cars on a tourist island in South Korea Tuesday after three days of flooding farther north in the country left at least 35 people dead and 22 missing.

Flood waters also inundated thousands of homes in the Philippines, where reservoirs in Manila spilled over Tuesday. One Manila suburb, Malabon, was 90 percent flooded, with water rising to shoulder-level in some parts, said city spokesman Abbi Balatbat.

Rivers swelled and rice fields became lakes amid persistent rain in parts of Asia, forcing people to flee low-lying areas, postpone air travel and escape from flooded homes carrying their possessions.

> ***Nearly 12,000 homes were flooded, forcing the evacuation of some 60,000 people in the central part of Luzon island.***
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> *--Manila, Philippines*

Tuesday's storm in the Yellow Sea dumped 9 inches of rain and blew with 67 mph winds as it skirted South Korea's southern and western coasts.

It was a setback to rescue workers who have struggled to feed and to shelter thousands left homeless by heavy rains north of Seoul.

Since the weekend, floods have forced tens of thousands to flee towns and villages between the South Korean capital and the border with North Korea 35 miles away. A total 35 people have been killed, officials said today.

Thousands of tourists were stranded on the resort island of Cheju, south of the Korean peninsula, after four domestic airliners hastily flew to Seoul early Tuesday to avoid damage, and hundreds of homes on the island were flooded when Tuesday's rains hit.

In a flooded area of Choonchun city, about 95 miles northeast of Seoul, a tour bus slid off a rain-slick road into a river — killing five people and injuring 31, rescue workers said.

The storm hit land on North Korea late Tuesday, South Korean weather officials said.

North Korean radio warned it could cause crop damage in the country's traditional breadbasket in the southwest and blow through the capital, Pyongyang.

In the Philippines, three days of monsoon rains have left at least 27 dead and six missing, and Flood waters were still rising.

Officials said nine people were killed in landslides and 18 drowned.

Nearly 12,000 homes were flooded, forcing the evacuation of some 60,000 people in the central part of Luzon island — including the metropolitan area of Manila.

Philippine President Joseph Estrada declared a state of emergency in the Manila area and three nearby provinces — Pangasinan, Pampanga and Rizal.

Water spilled over the banks of La Mesa Dam, which provides water to the Manila region, and officials urged downstream residents to leave right away.

Hundreds of squatter families who live along the river refused to move because of fears their shacks might be looted while they were gone, disaster officials said.

Flooded streets paralyzed traffic in metropolitan Manila, where schools were closed and financial markets suspended for the day. Some residents had to perch on rooftops to await rescue.

The monsoon rains and winds were forecast to continue to batter the Philippines for several more days.

Flooding in eastern Thailand has killed at least five people and left at least 1,000 homeless.

China offers cash reward for capture of sect leader

Associated Press

BEIJING — China's police force will begin paying cash rewards for tips leading to the capture of wanted criminals, and the first on the list is the leader of a banned meditation sect, a Beijing newspaper reported.

State-run television and other media had reported Monday that police would begin paying rewards of more than $6,000 for information enabling them to capture wanted criminals.

Those reports carried photographs of several people on the wanted list but did not include Li Hongzhi, leader of the banned Falun Gong sect.

The Beijing Evening News cited police sources Tuesday saying that Li's capture was a top priority.

China issued an arrest warrant last Thursday for Li, who now lives in New York. The government accused Li of staging unauthorized protests and spreading superstition.

Since there is no extradition treaty between the United States and China, the offer of a reward is likely to only carry symbolic importance in the government's campaign to crush the Falun Gong movement.

China had asked the international police agency Interpol to issue an arrest warrant for Li. The France-based agency said Tuesday it has turned down the request because of a lack of criminal evidence.

The Chinese government banned Falun Gong last month. The sect's wide membership and ability to rally thousands of people in protest raised fears that it might galvanize public discontent over rising unemployment, corruption and other social ills.

Li, who founded Falun Gong in 1992, has denied government accusations of having political ambitions. He also has denied organizing protests, including one that drew 10,000 followers in April to a tightly guarded compound in Beijing where the government's leaders live and work.

According to reports posted on Falun Gong's Web site, police have continued to round up sect leaders.

Falun Gong draws from martial arts, Buddhism and Taoism. It is one of many schools of qigong, a popular traditional practice intended to improve health through exercise, meditation and attempts to channel unseen forces.

Jordan's king drives taxis to listen to his people talk

Associated Press

AMMAN, Jordan — Disguised in worn-out clothes and roaming the streets of his capital unescorted, King Abdullah II posed as a taxi driver to hear the complaints of his countrymen.

It was the second time in a week that the 37-year-old Jordanian monarch has gone undercover in a bid to fight bureaucracy in a country where even children's admission to high school depends on family connections.

Abdullah managed to successfully complete his inquiries on Monday without revealing his identity, palace officials told The Associated Press. They spoke on customary condition of anonymity.

The officials said the king spent more than two hours in the afternoon chatting with passengers while driving a yellow cab to both posh suburbs and slums of Amman.

At one point, Abdullah stopped to ask traffic police for directions and then mingled with them, discussing their concerns about traffic violations in a country known for its reckless drivers, the officials said.

Abdullah visited a state-run trade zone Wednesday disguised in a white beard and a traditional Arab robe, posing as a television reporter to hear public complaints. He was forced to reveal his identity when the zone's management prevented him from continuing his tour, saying he had no permit.

Abdullah's late father, King Hussein, played similar tricks during his 46-year reign. The most recent was eight years ago, when he sped off in a motorcycle in bustling downtown Amman, enraging traffic police who were inspecting new radar gear. When the king was finally stopped after a 90-minute chase, he took off his helmet to greet baffled policemen.

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